UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Barb Dickman, Cynthia Knapcik, and Kimberly Bowen,

Court File No. 0:23-cv-00406-JRT-ECW

Plaintiffs,

STIPULATION TO STAY DEFENDANTS' RESPONSIVE PLEADING DEADLINES

v.

The Mayo Clinic, a Minnesota non-profit corporation; Mayo Clinic Health System—Franciscan Medical Center, Inc., a Minnesota non-profit corporation (foreign); Mayo Clinic Health System—Southeast Minnesota Region, Inc., a Minnesota non-profit corporation; Mayo Clinic Health System—Northwest Wisconsin Region, a Wisconsin non-stock corporation,

Defendants.

The above-captioned Plaintiffs and Defendants¹, by undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully submit this Joint Stipulation to stay Defendants' responsive pleading deadlines. The Parties submit that these deadlines should be stayed for good cause, in the interests of judicial efficiency, conservation of judicial resources, and to avoid hardship on the Parties. The Parties stipulate as follows:

1. Plaintiffs' counsel has filed over twenty Complaints and Amended Complaints (the "Lawsuits") on behalf of over 100 Plaintiffs related to Defendant Mayo Clinic's Vaccination Policy for COVID-19, which are pending before this Court.

¹ The proper Defendants in this matter are: Mayo Clinic Health System–Franciscan Medical Center Inc., Mayo Foundation for Medical Education & Research, and Mayo Clinic Health System–Southeast Minnesota Region.

- 2. The Parties have conferred and identified five (5) representative cases (the "Representative Cases"):
 - Sherry Ihde v. The Mayo Clinic, Case No. 0:22-cv-01327-JRT-ECW;
 - Kristin Rubin v. The Mayo Clinic; Case No. 0:22-cv-01427-JRT-ECW;
 - Kenneth Ringhofer v. Mayo Clinic Ambulance, 0:22-cv-01420-JRT-ECW;
 - Anita Miller v. The Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, Case No. 0:22-cv-01405-JRT-ECW; and
 - Shelly Kiel v. Mayo Clinic Health System Southeast Minnesota, Case No. 0:22-cv-01319-JRT-ECW.

All of the other Lawsuits are considered to be non-representative cases (the "Non-Representative Cases").

- 3. Defendants have filed a Consolidated Motion to Dismiss in the Representative Cases (the "Consolidated Motion to Dismiss").
- 4. In an Order dated December 8, 2022, the Court stayed all responsive pleading deadlines in the then-filed Non-Representative Cases, including those yet to be filed, such that all responsive pleadings in the Non-Representative Cases are due **45 days** after a ruling on the Consolidated Motion to Dismiss, if any part of the cases remain. (Case No. 22-cv-01467-JRT-ECW, Dkt. No. 26).
 - 5. On February 16, 2023, Plaintiffs filed the instant lawsuit. (Dkt. No. 1.)
- 6. On February 17, 2023, Plaintiffs sent Defendants a Waiver of the Service of Summons, which Defendants accepted and signed on February 21, 2023.
- 7. Presently, Defendants must file their Answer or otherwise plead by April 18, 2023.
 - 8. The instant case is a Non-Representative Case.

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9. The Parties agree, in accordance with the Court's December 8, 2022 Order,

that any responsive pleading in the instant case shall be due 45 days after a ruling on the

Consolidated Motion to Dismiss, if any part of the case remains. (See Case No. 22-cv-

01467-JRT-ECW, Dkt. No. 26).

10. Good cause exists for a stay of the responsive pleading deadlines in the

instant case until the Court has had the opportunity to hear and rule upon the Consolidated

Motion to Dismiss. The Parties' requested stay will promote judicial efficiency, prevent

unnecessary litigation costs and expenses, and avoid duplication of efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interests of efficient management of this case, the

Parties jointly request that the Court order any responsive pleading in this case to be due 45

days after a ruling on the Consolidated Motion to Dismiss, if any part of the case remains.

Dated: March 31, 2023

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